



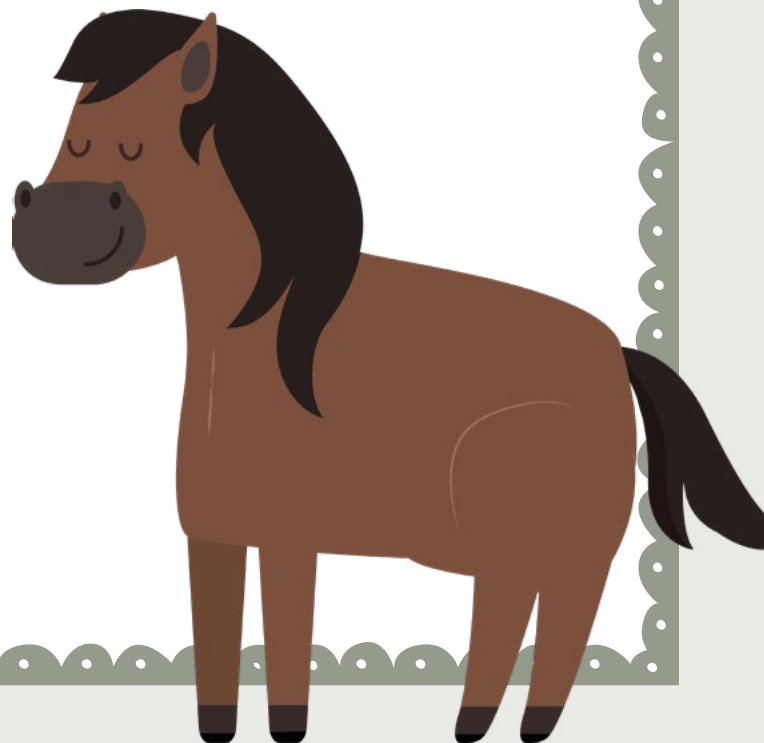
BRANSBY HORSES
— Rescue and Welfare —

MY ACTIVITY PACK!

**Have fun whilst learning about
Bransby Horses at home.**

Suitable for family learning

This book
belongs to:



Whilst it's important to encourage home learning, use this opportunity to encourage **FUN with this work book whilst developing independence and creativity.**

This work book offers a a variety of facts, figures and activities for your child / children to enjoy independently.

Remember, the most important thing is for children to enjoy these activities and have fun!

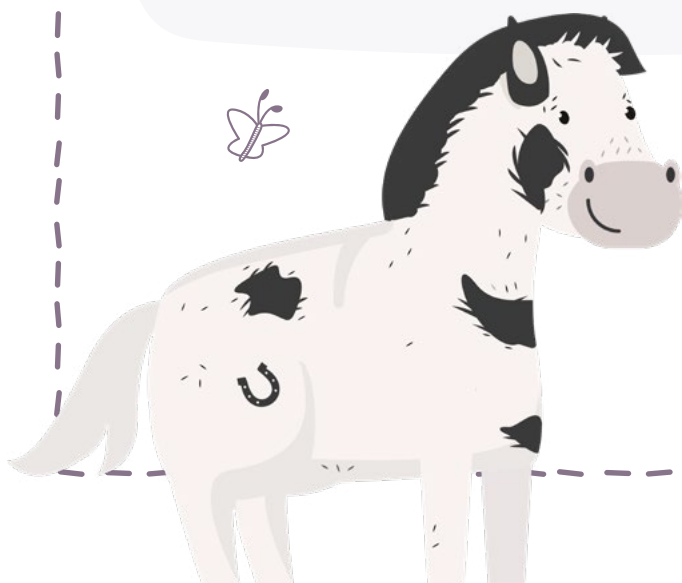
It's time to
get out of
bed and get
learning!



Donkeys build a strong bond
with their friends.
Sponsor Star Domino

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Write down the books you have read. You could even leave a little comment to explain why you enjoyed the book so much.
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A chance to record your activities, thoughts and fun whilst learning at home.



MISSING!

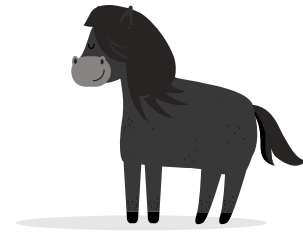


**Help us round up
the missing horseshoes!**

How many horseshoes can you
find throughout this activity pack?

Answer on page 17

BRANSBY HORSES' STORY



Hello, I'm Pecan – a little Shetland pony who lives at Bransby Horses in Lincolnshire. I hope you enjoy this activity pack. Would you like to know a bit more about the amazing charity that saved me? Yes? Ok!



So where I live is in a place called Bransby. A long time ago, a man called Mr Hunt paid for some land and buildings here so that he could rescue horses, ponies, donkeys and mules.

What is a mule? It's the child of a donkey dad and a horse mum!

We feel very proud of the site we live on. When Mr Hunt first started our charity 52 years ago in 1968, he bought 8 acres. This is about the size of 6 football pitches.

So what is a charity? It's a group of people who work together to give help and raise money for those in need.

Now we have over 600 acres in Bransby and 800 in a place nearby called Barlings. All together that's more than 1000 football pitches! Amazing!

Mr Hunt rescued his first horse in 1947 when he lived in London. The horse was a four-year-old mare. A mare is a female horse. He named her Sally.

21 years later Mr Hunt moved here to Bransby and brought Sally with him. She was 25 years old! This charity is now one of the biggest equine welfare charities in the UK.

What does equine mean? Equine is a word used to describe certain types of animals, including horses, ponies, donkeys and mules. It also includes zebras, but Bransby Horses don't rescue zebras!

The amazing people who look after me spend every day keeping equines safe and healthy. They rescue, make equines better, teach owners how to care for their equines and give a safe place for animals like me to live in. I now live with nearly 400 horses, ponies, donkeys and mules and there are also more than 500 living around the country in the stables of very kind people called fosterers.

Here's a Quick Quiz

- How many acres of land do I live on?
- What is the child of a donkey dad and horse mum called?
- How long was it until Mr Hunt moved from London to Bransby with Sally?
- What is a mare?
- What type of animal is a zebra?

If you would like to know more, you could ask a grown up to help you read more on our website and keep up to date with lots of stories and see great pictures on our Facebook site.

DID YOU KNOW? FACTS!



Did you know?
Horse teeth carry on growing throughout their life. This means they need to see a dentist every 6-12 months to be rasped (filed down)



Did you know?
Horse hooves grow like your finger nails.
This means a farrier has to trim them every 6-8 weeks (this depends on the horse)



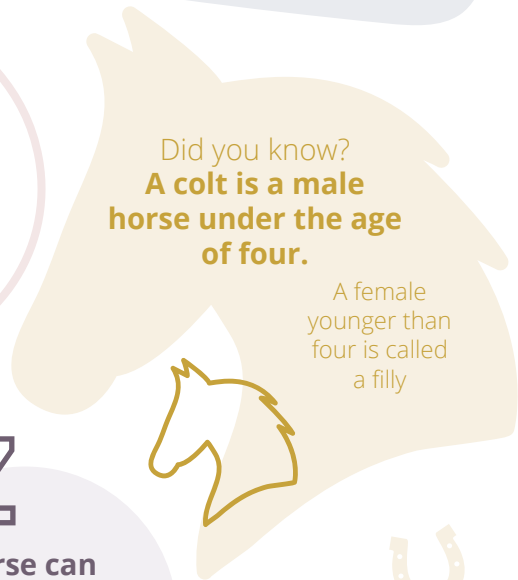
Horses can drink up to 10 gallons of water a day.

That is the same as you drinking 160 cups of water!



Did you know?
A colt is a male horse under the age of four.

A female younger than four is called a filly



All equines (a horse, pony, donkey or mule) are measured in hand sizes - HH or H stands for "hands high" or "hands."

A hand is a measuring unit for an equine's height that has been used for 100s of years



Horse can sleep both lying down and standing up!



To be technical: A "Hand" is a unit of measure equal to 4 inches, used to measure the height of a horse at the highest point of the withers (the point where the neck meets the back)

It costs us £150 for 2 large bales of hay. This will feed a herd (a group) of 8 horses for 3 days



Have fun learning these facts!



Sponsor Star, Saratoga, used to be a brave military horse

The difference between a horse and a pony is the size.

The official definition of a pony is a horse that measures less than 14.2 hands (56.8 inches / 144cm) at the withers. Standard horses are 14.2 hands or taller



FUNDRAISING!

Ways to help whilst at home

There are so many ways that you can support us

Collect stamps

Cut around them neatly,
ready to be sent in to:
Stamp Appeal,
Bransby Horses,
Lincoln, LN1 2PH



How money you raise could be used:

£5 Could pay for a horse,
pony, donkey or mule
to be microchipped.

A microchip is a tiny implant which goes under an animal's skin. It doesn't hurt them. It means we can find out information about an equine if we need to, such as who their owner is.

It is now the law here in the UK that all equines should be microchipped by October 2020.

£10 Could help pay
for bandages and
medicines to help
poorly horses, ponies,
donkeys and mules.

You could sponsor one
of our horses, ponies,
donkeys or mules.

Go to:

[bransbyhorses.co.uk/
sponsor-a-horse](https://bransbyhorses.co.uk/sponsor-a-horse)



What else could
you do? Let's put
your thinking
(riding) hat on!

Plan a fundraising activity
to host at school once you're
back, ideas include:

AEROBICS

BIRTHDAY

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

**BAKE
SALE**

AFTERNOON TEA

FANCY DRESS

**GIVE IT
UP!**

**JUMBLE
SALE**



Sponsor Star, Matilda, is beautiful
and sometimes bossy!



FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

Online fundraising is a really quick and hassle free way to raise funds:

Simply search for us on **JustGiving.com** and set up your fundraising page. Once you have finished your event JustGiving transfer the money to us and the hard work is done. Simple!

We are sure all our equines would love you to do some fun activities to raise money for them!

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS:

Do a run or cycle round your daily exercise route and ask friends and family to sponsor you through JustGiving



Why not do some chores around the house and donate your pocket money?



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES!

£10 could pay for some wood shavings.

Many of our equines are in stables or hard standing areas and these shavings provide support for the horse's hooves and it makes it easier to poo pick!

Donating even a small amount to us helps in such a big way.



Sponsor Star Sophie is a very happy girl but is not keen on the cold

£20 could go towards buying a mud mat.

These mats are placed over the mud to allow equines to play safely in muddy fields.



£100 could help buy big bales of hay to put in our large feeders.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

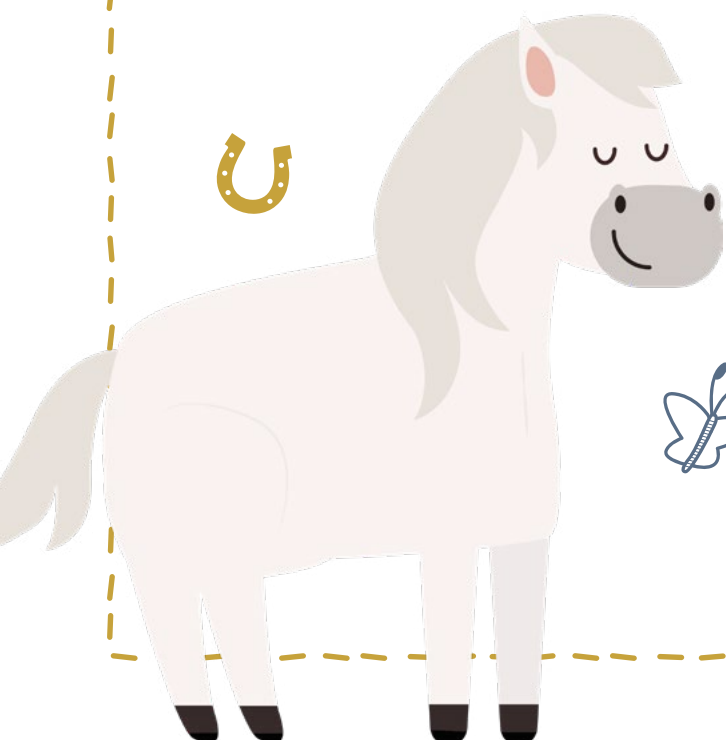
Take on the Stair Challenge:

This is one for the whole family and is so easy to get involved with, whilst keeping fit at the same time.

Just get a grown up to set up your JustGiving page and ask them to promote it on their social media pages for you.

Set yourself a challenge and then take pictures to update your family and friends as you do your challenge. Don't forget to send them to us too.

You could do your challenge over 4, 8 or 12 weeks. It's up to you. But even just doing a little bit every day, not only helps to keep you active but is fun too!



Maybe you're a super stroller and fancy completing the virtual 3 peaks challenge*...

Scafell Pike:

6,180 steps, 412 flights of stairs

Mount Snowden:

7,120 steps, 475 flights of stairs

Ben Nevis:

8,810 steps, 587 flights of stairs

Now, do you want to climb a virtual mountain or a virtual building?

Millennium Dome:

320 steps, 21 flights of stairs

Big Ben:

632 steps, 42 flights of stairs

Blackpool Tower:

1,036 steps, 69 flights of stairs

Canary Wharf Tower:

1,600 steps, 107 flights of stairs



* Source: bhf.org.uk/healthatwork

WORDSEARCH

c	p	o	l	l	a	g	f	j	s	w	d	c	a
i	b	u	p	a	s	i	o	m	n	t	o	r	t
f	w	k	z	v	q	p	v	e	k	a	u	h	i
m	r	b	h	c	o	x	s	f	q	b	l	m	p
n	o	r	d	n	s	e	n	d	l	u	r	s	o
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a	d	i	o	b	r	c	k	h	s	w	p	j	b
m	c	r	f	t	p	b	r	a	n	s	b	y	l
x	w	o	e	s	r	o	h	v	t	m	q	a	e

Can you find these words?

Bransby	Gallop	Pony
Bridle	Hay	Ride
Canter	Hoof	Saddle
Donkey	Horse	Stable
Equine	Mule	Trot

**Don't forget to
check backwards
and diagonally!**



*Sponsor Star, Twiggy, needs to
take extra care of her teeth*

DOT-TO-DOT

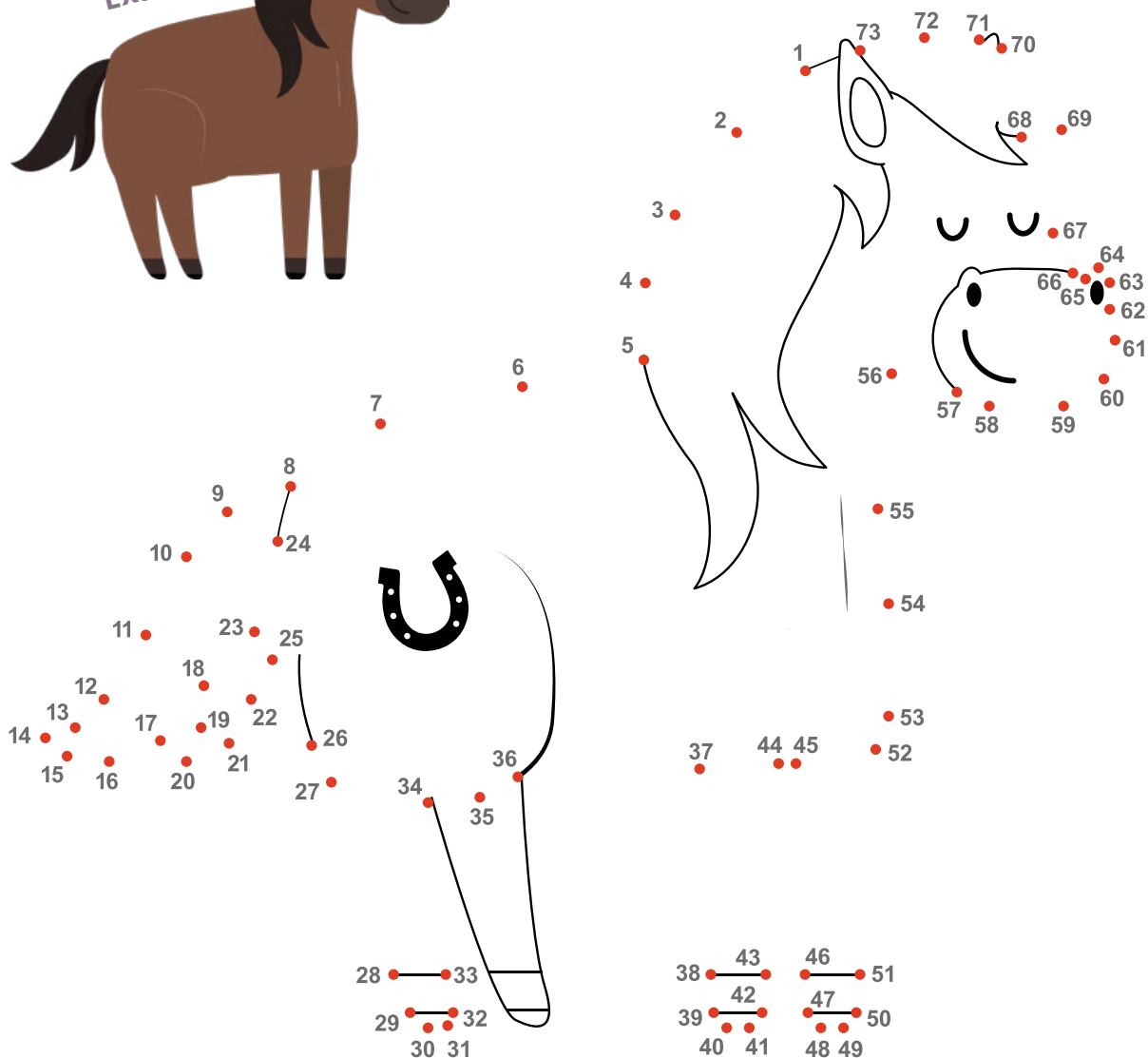
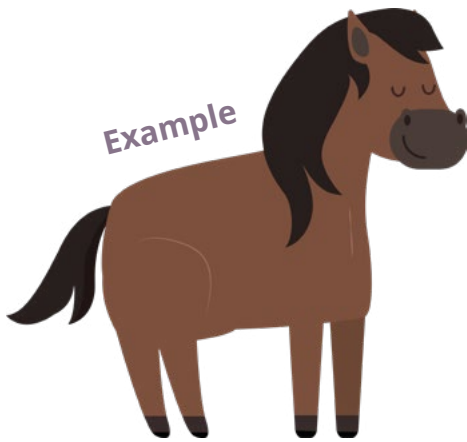
Connect the dots!

Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2 and so on to connect all the dots and reveal an outline of one of our Bransby Horses! If you have time you can colour it in too.



Sponsor Star, Pecan, is a cheeky miniature Shetland standing at just 8HH

Example

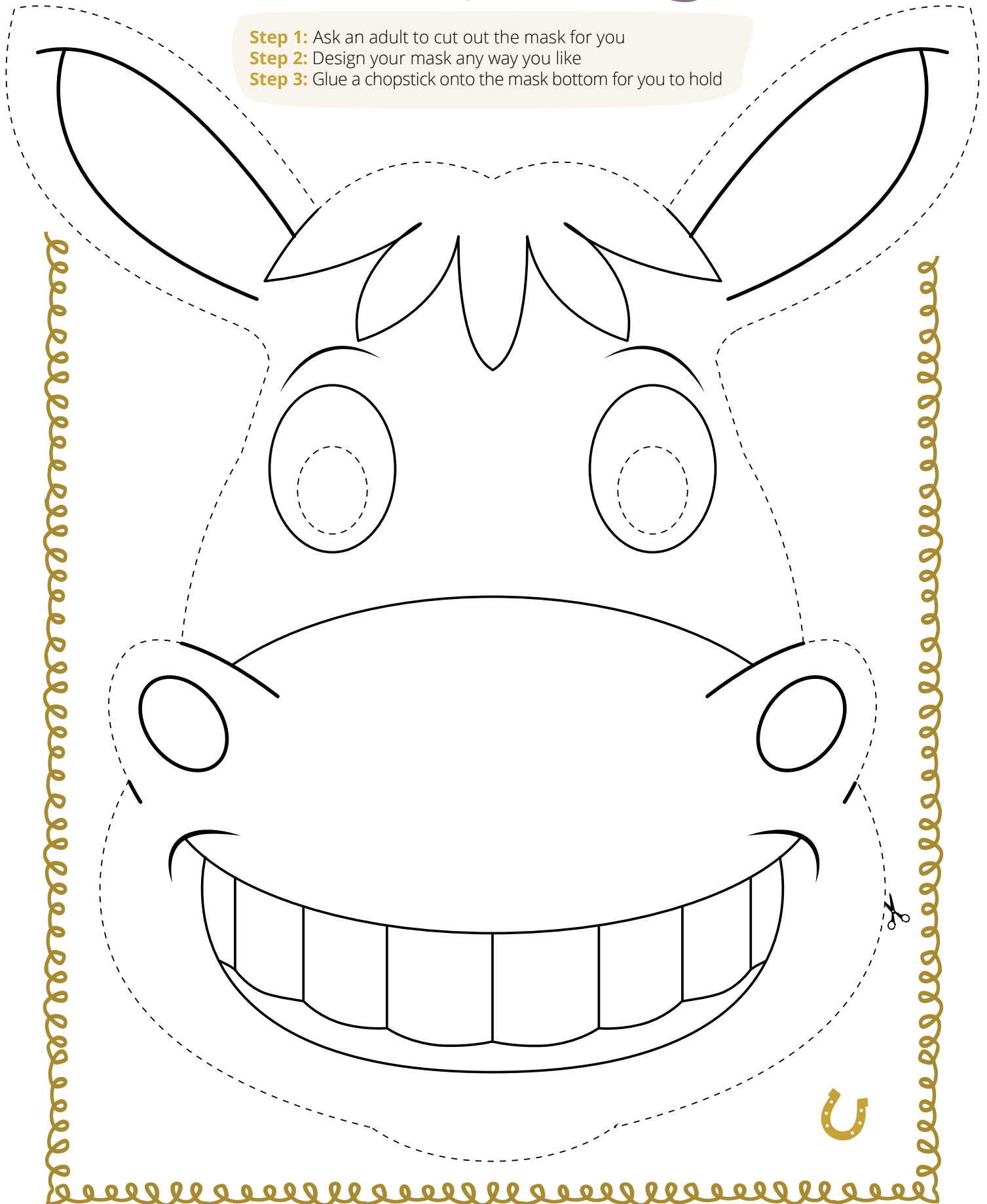


DONKEY MASK

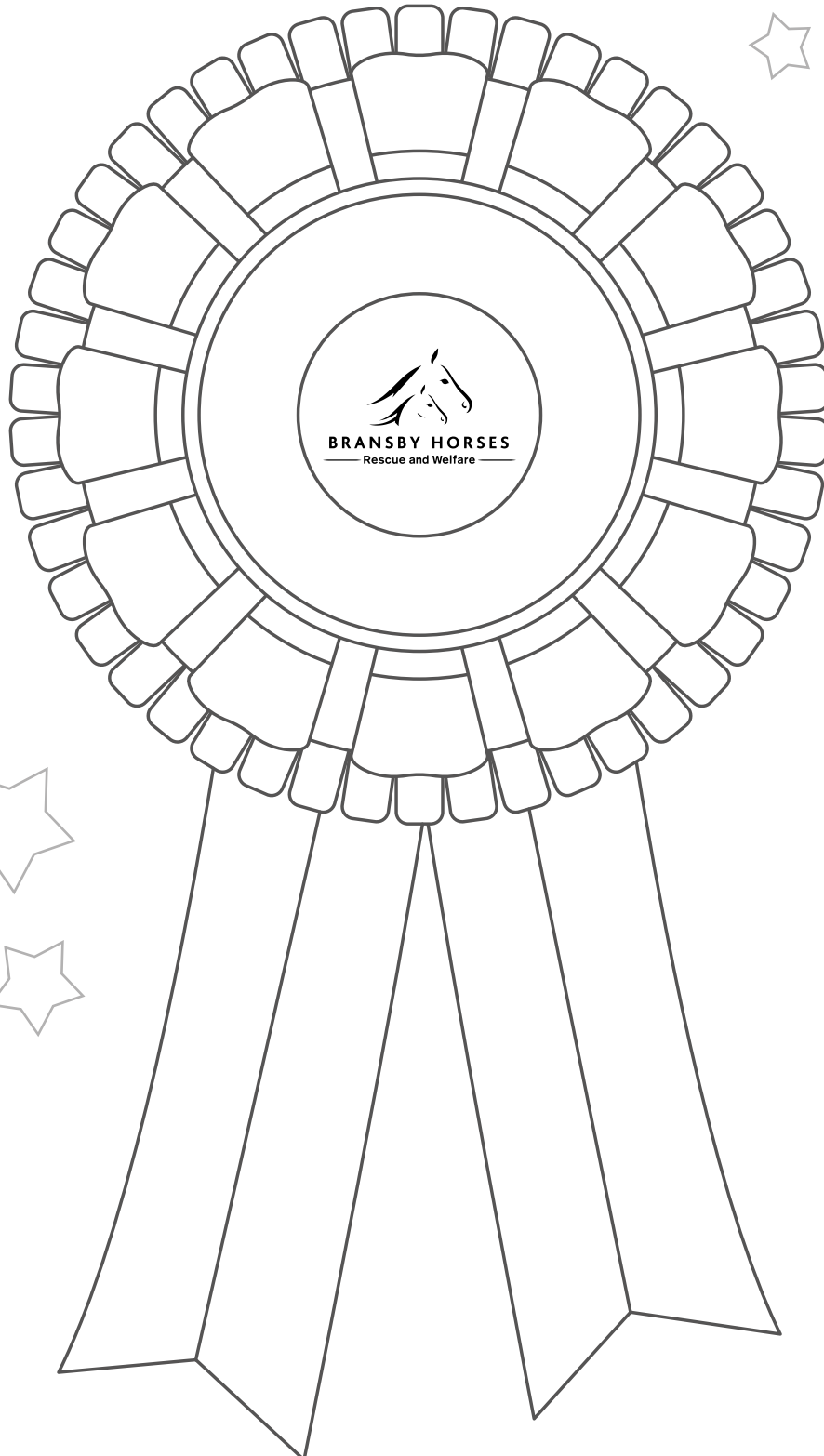
Step 1: Ask an adult to cut out the mask for you

Step 2: Design your mask any way you like

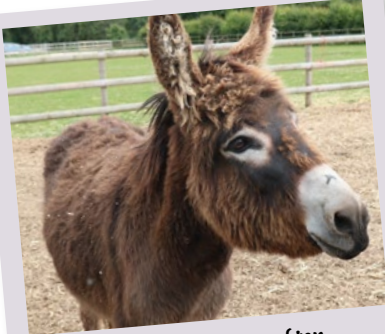
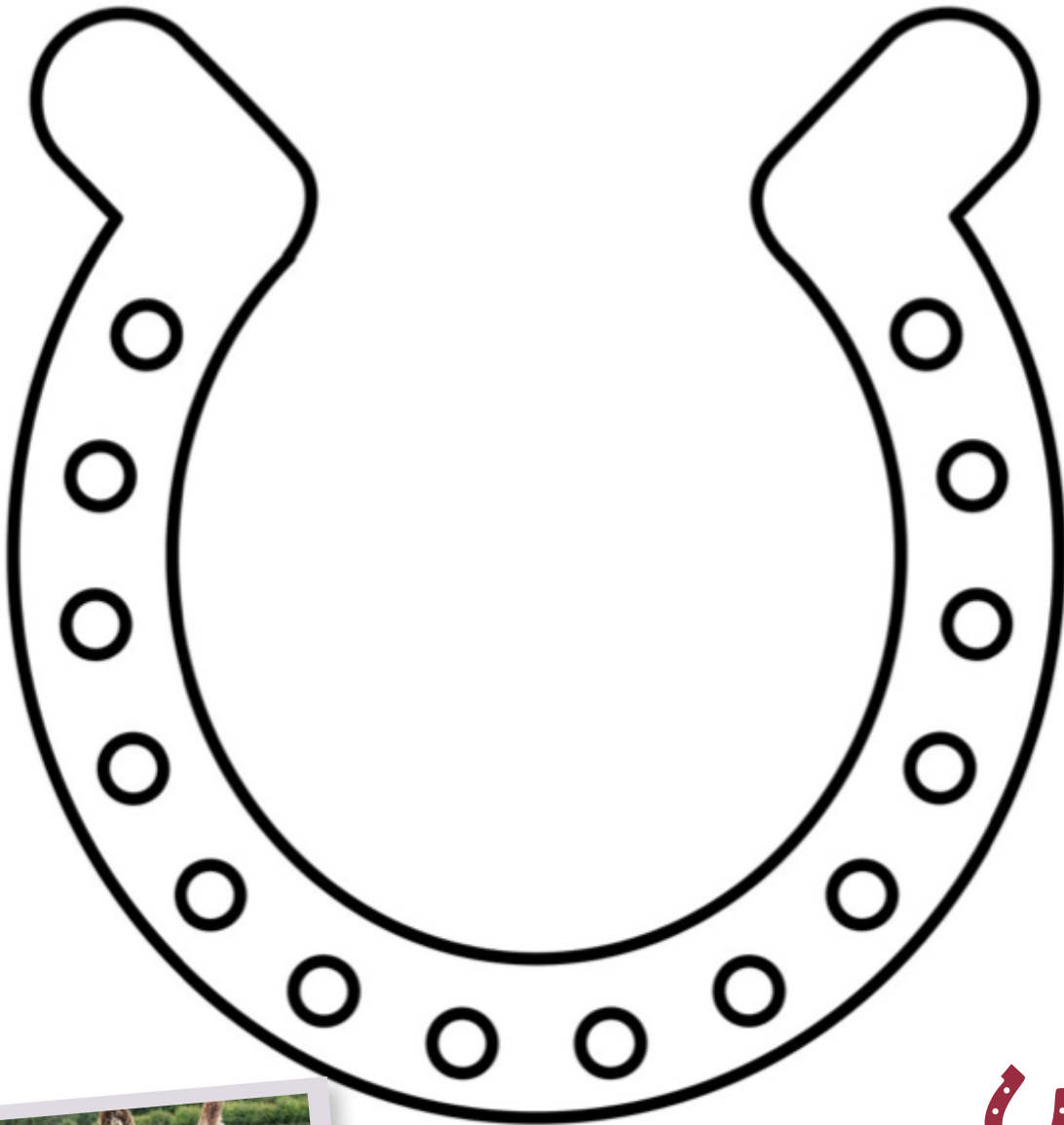
Step 3: Glue a chopstick onto the mask bottom for you to hold



DESIGN YOUR OWN ROSETTE!



DESIGN YOUR OWN HORSESHOE



Sponsor star, Nipper, often goes on daily adventures



Photograph and email your completed horseshoe to:
fundraising@bransbyhorses.co.uk or post it to:
The Fundraising Team, Bransby Horses, Lincoln, LN1 2PH.
The winning horseshoe will be announced at our Autumn Fair, 26th / 27th September and posted on our website!

Keep your eyes peeled for further information!

LET'S GET MESSY

Play dough is really quick, easy and fun!

Getting messy with lots of ingredients is a great way to learn!

Play dough Ingredients:

2 cups of plain flour
¾ cup salt
2 cups of warm water
Food colouring (optional)

(Don't forget to store it in an airtight container if you are going to reuse it at a later date).

Equipment:

Cup
Bowl
Spoon

Method

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water
- Measure out 2 cups of plain flour and pour into the bowl
- Measure out ¾ cup of salt and pour into the bowl
- Measure out 2 cups of warm water and pour into the bowl
- You can add food colouring if you wish
- Stir the mixture together, it will become sticky but keep mixing!
- Use your hands to squeeze the mixture together
- If your play dough is too sticky, add extra flour



ACTIVITY:

A great family experience

- Explore the different ingredients together, what do the different stages of mixing the ingredient feel like? Is it slippery or sticky?
- Bransby Horses challenges you to build one of our Sponsor Stars – you can find them on our website: **bransbyhorses.co.uk/sponsor-a-horse**
- You could use the play dough to create a mini Bransby Horses.

You could create a stable yard. You could include bales of hay and little headcollars. Think about what the horses at Bransby Horses might look like, will they be big or small? Have they got a long mane (hair)? Do they need rugs on to keep warm?

Encourage your child/children to use the language of texture and other descriptive words



Did you know that for £36 (the same as £3 a month) you could sponsor one of our Sponsor Stars?

As well as receiving special updates, you will be helping us with all the vital work we do.



Sponsor Star, Nero, is Nipper's best friend

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MY DIARY:

Week 1	What I have done today:	How I feel:	Comments:
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			🍀
Saturday			
Sunday			

MY DIARY:

Week 2	What I have done today:	How I feel:	Comments:
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

MY DIARY:

Did you find all the horseshoes?
check below!

Week 3	What I have done today:	How I feel:	Comments:
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

MY CERTIFICATE:

The bit I enjoyed doing the most was

The thing that I learned about equines was

This pack has been completed by

Signed by a grown up:

Date:

